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he made when he began the practice of his profession in this city was John D. Spreckels of the Oceanic Steamship Company. Mr. Spreckels early appreciated the talents of Mr. Shortridge, and this appreciation ripened into close personal friendship. It is not surprising, therefore, that the friendship between Mr. Spreckels and the eloquent young lawyer should have resulted in a corresponding family intimacy. In time, this brought about an engagement of marriage between Mr. Shortridge and Miss Spreckels. Owing to the wealth and powerful political connections of the contracting parties, the contemplated wedding will, in all likelihood, exert considerable influence on the trend of political events. Mr. Shortridge was already on the high road to political preferment, and this alliance will bring to him aid of a most potent character.—S. F. Chronicle.

**GENERAL ARMSTRONG DEAD.**

Hawaii's Noted Union Soldier Passes Away.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 12.—Superintendent P. L. Weaver of the almshouse received a dispatch yesterday announcing the death of his brother-in-law, General Samuel Chapman Armstrong, at Hampton, Va.

General Armstrong was born about fifty-two years ago in the settlement of Wailuku, on the island of Maui, in what was then the Hawaiian kingdom. His father was the Rev. Richard Armstrong, one of the first missionaries to the Sandwich Islands, and was one of the founders of the public school system there, afterwards being the minister of public instruction. His mother was a sister of the late Chief Justice Chapman of Massachusetts.

Young Armstrong passed his early childhood on the Islands. When he reached manhood he left the Islands and came to San Francisco where he became a lumber merchant, and was singularly successful. When the war broke out, he went East and entered the army as a private. At the close of the war he was a captain, and was subsequently brevetted general for gallant conduct in the field.

When the war was over the question of what to do with the newly freed people, ignorant and incapable of self-direction as children, was the most stupendous problem of the day. Freedmen's bureaus were established in various parts of the country, and General Armstrong was placed in charge of the one at Hampton, Va. Here, through his efforts, a great industrial school was established, and the success of this institution in every direction, morally, intellectually, in manual training and financial management, has made it one of the most famous schools of the age and its founder one of the most celebrated men of the day.

Long ago the institution ceased to be merely a school for the negro race, and the broader idea of race culture from the world's standpoint became its dominant purpose, so that to day the negro shares its advantages almost equally with the Indian and Chinese, and even Persians find a place within its boundaries. The effect of its influence upon the Indians was put to a crucial test during the late uprising of the Sioux. Eighty-two Hampton students had come from Standing Rock, the home of Sitting Bull and the locality of the chief excitement during the "Messiah" craze. Only one of these, and that the son of old Sitting Bull, took up arms, all the rest remaining loyal to the Government.

General Armstrong leaves four sisters—Mrs. Beckwith, wife of Rev. E. G. Beckwith, D. D., of Honolulu, Mrs. P. L. Weaver, matron of the almshouse, Mrs. Banning and Miss Jennie Armstrong, who resides with the Weavers.—S. F. Chronicle.

**FOOTBINDING AMONG CHINESE.**

Several Traditions as to the Origin of the Oriental Deformity.

Proof that the Chinese woman is not a labor-burdened slave is found in the custom of footbinding. This heathenish attempt to improve on God's best work of creation is said by one tradition to have begun with Pan Fei, a concubine of the Chi dynasty, 501 A. D., and by another to have begun with Yas Niang, a beautiful concubine of the last emperor of the Southern T'ang dynasty, 975 A. D., whose feet were "cramped in the semblance of a new moon." Tradition also says that it originated with a beautiful princess who had club feet, and by resorting to this method completely concealed her deformity. Still another tradition says it was resorted to by a crusty husband to keep his wife from "going-a-gadding," and as it worked so well it was resorted to by others until, becoming a fashion, it was adopted by all. Wherever the custom may have originated, *Harper's Bazar* regards it as but very little worse than the custom of ladies lacing in civilized countries, and adds as little in beauty to the person on whom it is practiced. The best evidence attributes it to Yas Niang.

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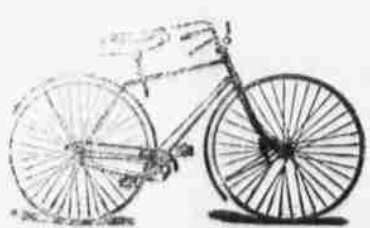
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